

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 944

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande

February 22, 2013

An act to add and repeal Section 66942 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 944, as introduced, Nestande. Distance learning.

Existing law establishes the various segments of the public higher education system in this state. These segments include the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

This bill would require the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and would request the Regents of the University of California, to report to the Legislature, by January 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, on workload and key performance data on distance learning courses, as defined. These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2020.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66942 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 66942. (a) For purposes of data collection and reporting by
2 the California Community Colleges, the California State
3 University, and the University of California, “distance learning
4 course” means a course conducted with a majority of the
5 instructional content delivered when faculty and students are in
6 different locations and instruction is delivered through the use of
7 technology.

8 (b) (1) By January 1, 2016, and every two years thereafter, the
9 Trustees of the California State University and the Board of
10 Governors of the California Community Colleges shall, and the
11 Regents of the University of California are requested to, report to
12 the Legislature on workload and key performance data on distance
13 learning courses, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

14 (A) The number of students enrolled in a distance learning
15 course at each campus, categorized by type of delivery method for
16 the distance learning course.

17 (B) Completion rates for distance learning courses.

18 (C) Program completion rates for degree programs that include
19 exclusively distance learning courses.

20 (2) Student enrollment and completion rate data included in a
21 report to be submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be made
22 available by demographics such as age, gender, and ethnicity.

23 (c) (1) All reports to be submitted pursuant to this section shall
24 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
25 Code.

26 (d) Pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code, this
27 section is repealed on January 1, 2020.